

NORTHWEST ACADEMY
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Minutes for February 13, 2013 Meeting of the Board of Education

1. Call to Order 5:30 pm by President Seidel
2. Roll Call: Present: Joseph Seidel, Kathy Hunter, Joni Olach, Micheal Randall, Anora O'Connor and Claire Rasmussen. Richard Hodgson joined during Agenda Item 5.
3. Approvals:
 - a) Agenda : Motion by Hunter to approve the Agenda, supported by Olach. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
 - b) Minutes of 9 January 2013: Motion to approve by Seidel, supported by Olach. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved
 - c) Financial Report: Motion to accept by Rasmussen, supported by Hunter. 6 Ayes, 0 No. Approved.
4. Correspondence:

Letter to the NWA Staff from NWA leadership describing budget cuts being implemented as prompted by declining student enrollment.
5. Public Comment: NWA parent S. Davis presented remarks regarding student experience with scholarship applications, academic awards and the value of team building.
6. Administrators/Development Report: Mr. Saunders
 - ◆ Required materials have been submitted for the SVSU charter reauthorization.
 - ◆ NWA has recently gained 6 students and the freshman class is at capacity.
 - ◆ NWA will have a booth at the Charlevoix Business Expo March 8-9, 2013 to orient the community to NWA and our student talent.
 - ◆ NWA band students competed in the Feb 9 MSBOA solo & ensemble contest receiving several **I** ratings.
 - ◆ The most recent MEAP performance level scores for NWA students were reviewed. Good progress was demonstrated at all levels with the Eighth grade showing outstanding performance.
 - ◆ March is Reading Month and several specific reading activities across grades are planned.
 - ◆ The NWA student council is hosting character building competitions amongst the grades. Currently they are collecting soap products for *Project Connect* and working to "*Hold Down the Tardys*".
 - ◆ Plans are in progress to do another student play in the Spring.
 - ◆ Mr. Witherspoon is successfully recovering from a major illness and may return to his post next week.
7. Committee Report:
 - Community Liaison - nothing to report.
 - Finance: nothing to report.
 - Fundraising: nothing to report.
8. Old Business: Nothing to Report.
9. New Business:
 - a) A reviewed Mission Statement and Revised Vision statement was presented to the Board. The Vision statement includes elements identified during a previous NWA Strategic Plan Review and incorporates input from NWA staff. Motion by Randall to adopt the Mission and Vision Statement as presented, supported by O'Connor. 7 ayes, 0 no. Approved.
 - b) An MDE Homeless Education on-site visit is planned to the Char-Em ISD. NWA administration will participate as a school in the ISD to review associated procedures.
 - c) Bookkeeping Services: Mr. Saunders reviewed options explored to maintain NWA services prompted by the current provider accepting a new post. Motion by Hodgson to authorize NWA administration to install the Specialized Data System (SDS) electronic school Bookkeeping program, supported by Randall. 7 ayes, 0 no. Approved.
10. Public Comment: none
11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:16 pm by Rasmussen, Support by O'Connor. 7 ayes, 0 no. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Claire R. Rasmussen (Secretary) Northwest Academy Board of Education